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BROADSTAIRS AND ST. PETER'S URBAN DISTRICT.

MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL : 1958-1959

Chairman of the Council :: Mrs. A. W. Mannell, J.P.

Vice Chairman :: H. Noble.

Councillor F. E. J. Amies.

" J. E. Bird.
 " L. G. Greaves.
 " C. E. D. Hodson.
 " E. V. L. Neville.
 " L. W. Overton.
 " E. F. Owen.
 " L. Rigelsford.
 " C. Robbins, M.A., F.R.S.A..
 " H. E. Seccombe, J.P..
 " A. T. Tucker, J.P., C.C..
 " E. Valsler.

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CLERK OF THE COUNCIL :: H. C. Norris, Solicitor.

ENGINEER AND SURVEYOR :: R. W. Plackett, M.I.Mun.E.,
 A.R.I.C.S.

TREASURER ... :: G. V. Stiggers.

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PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE:1958-59.

Councillor Mrs. A. W. Mannell, J.P., (Chairman)

Councillor E. Valsler, (Vice-Chairman)

and

Councillor L. G. Greaves.

" C. E. D. Hodson.

" H. Noble.

" L. W. Overton.

" C. Robbins, M.A., F.R.S.A..

" E. J. C. Robinson.

" H. E. Seccombe, J.P..

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PUBLIC HEALTH STAFF - 1958.

Medical Officer of Health
and
Principal Medical Officer,
Area No. 2, K.C.C.:

G. L. BROCKLEHURST, M.D.,
M.R.C.S., D.P.H..

Chief Public Health
Inspector:

F. S. Burrow, M.A.P.H.I.,
C.R.S.H..

Additional Public Health
Inspector:

C. E. E. Balding, M.A.P.H.I.,
C.R.S.H..

Chief Clerk:

Miss H. Y. Phillips, P.C.T..

Disinfector, Rodent Operator)
and Mortuary Attendant:)

W. E. Ralph,

KENT COUNTY HEALTH SERVICE STAFF - 1958.

(In Broadstairs and St. Peter's Urban District)

School Medical Officers: Mary Cagney, M.B., Ch.B.,

Colin Harper, M.R.C.S.,
L.R.C.P.,

School Dental Surgeon: Henry Cantor, L.D.S.,
R.C.S.Eng..

Midwives: ... 1. Miss E. G. Chapman, S.C.M..
2. Miss M. Patterson, S.C.M..

Health Visitors, School) Miss E. Brammer, S.R.N.,
Nurses and Infant) S.C.M., H.V.Cert.R.S.I..
Life Protection)
Officers:) Miss E. Mortimer, S.R.N.,
) S.C.M., H.V.Cert.R.S.I..

Tuberculosis Health Visitor: Miss L. Calsi, S.R.N., S.C.M.,
H.V.Cert.R.S.I..

Home Nurses: 1. Mrs. I. E. F. Price, S.R.N.,
S.C.M., Q.N..
2. Miss B. Carlisle, S.R.N.,
S.C.M., I.N.C..
3. Mrs. I. A. Welch, S.R.N., Q.N..
(Relief : Part-time)

Children's Welfare Officer: Miss J. Brooks-Hill (Office at
Ramsgate)

Education Welfare Officer: Mrs. E. Padbury.

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Welfare Visitor to the Blind: Mrs. M. M. Simmons.

Domestic Help Area Organizer: Mrs. M. Heyes. (Office at Margate)

" " Assistant: Miss S. Pockett. "

District Officer: C. Whitaker. "

" " Assistant: R. Wright. "

Registrar of Births and Deaths: W. H. Holman. (Office at Ramsgate)

From 1: 1:1959 ... J. S. Anscombe. (Office at Margate)

SOUTH-EAST METROPOLITAN
REGIONAL HOSPITAL BOARD SERVICES STAFF

Chest Physician and Adviser on Aftercare of Tuberculosis: Dr. Owen Clark, Consultant Chest Physician, Canterbury Area, is covering the Thanet Area during Dr. Andrews' absence in India.

Assistant Chest Physician: J. Spencer-Jones, M.B., B.S..

Resident Medical Officer: James Thomson, M.B., Ch.B., C.P.H..

OTHER OFFICERS SERVING IN THE URBAN DISTRICT

Probation Officers: (Margate) Kenneth W. Walden.

(Ramsgate) J. L. Larkin and Miss Teresa Williams.

Thanet Moral Welfare Association Worker: Miss M. Barfoot.

Marriage Guidance Council: Dr. and Mrs. R. A. D. Crawford.

Addresses and Telephone Numbers of Public Health Staffs.

Members of Public Health Staffs:	Addresses:	Telephone Numbers - Thanet
Medical Officer of Health and Public Health Department Staff.	Public Health Dept., Pierremont Hall, High Street, Broadstairs.	6-1444
School Medical Officers	(K.C.C. Clinic (College Road, (Margate; (	2-0215
and	(and (	and
School Dental Surgeon.	(K.C.C. Clinic (The Health Centre, (Newington Road, (Ramsgate; (and ((K.C.C. Clinic, (Beaconsfield House, (25, St. Peter's Road, (Broadstairs.	5-1441 No Telephone.
Midwives:	K.C.C. Clinic, "Beaconsfield House," 25, St. Peter's Road, Broadstairs; or in case of emergency -	No Telephone.
Miss Chapman -	"Jesse's," Broadstairs Road, Broadstairs; or	6-1916
Miss Patterson -	4a, The Paragon, Ramsgate.	5-1628

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Members of Public Health Staffs:	Addresses:	Telephone Numbers - Thanet
<p>Health Visitors, School Nurses and Infant Life Protection Officers:</p> <p>Miss E. Brammer -</p> <p>Miss E. Mortimer -</p>	<p>K.C.C. Clinic, "Beaconsfield House, 25, St. Peter's Road, Broadstairs.</p> <p>or</p> <p>in case of emergency -</p> <p>"Jesse's," 46, Broadstairs Road, Broadstairs; or</p> <p>19, Westgate Bay Ave., Westgate-on-Sea, Margate.</p>	<p>No Telephone:</p> <p>6-1916</p> <p>3-1860</p>
<p>Home Nurses:</p> <p>1.</p> <p>2.</p> <p>3.</p>	<p>Lower Flat, 12, St. Peter's Road, Broadstairs.</p> <p>"Cropthorne," West Park Avenue, Cliftonville, Margate.</p> <p>32, Dalmeney Avenue, Margate.</p>	<p>6-2053</p> <p>2-3103</p> <p>2-1932</p>
<p>Children's Welfare Officer:</p>	<p>"Aberdeen House," 68, Ellington Road, Ramsgate; or</p> <p>24, Burlington Gardens, Westbrook, Margate.</p>	<p>5-1244</p> <p>or</p> <p>2-0763</p>
<p>Education Welfare Officer:</p>	<p>"Dene Mount," The Vale, Broadstairs.</p>	<p>6-1214</p>

Members of Public Health Staffs:	Addresses:	Telephone Numbers - Thanet
Welfare Visitor to the Blind:	"Strangford House," Old Green Road, Broadstairs.	6-6147
Domestic and Home Help Service:	41, St. Peter's Road, Margate.	2-0882
District Officers:	" " " "	2-1266
Registrar of Births and Deaths:	5, Connaught Road, Margate. (From 1:1:59)	2-1815
Chest Physician; Assistant C.P.; and T.B. Health Visitor.	The Chest Clinic, South Eastern Road, Ramsgate.	5-2640
Haine Hospital, (Infectious Disease and Dermatology).	Haine, Near Ramsgate.	6-1511
Royal Sea Bathing Hospital:	Canterbury Road, Margate.	2-2231
General Hospitals:	St. Peter's Road, Margate;	2-0222
	Westcliff Road, Ramsgate;	5-1492
	and Hill House, Minster, Nr. Ramsgate.	Minster 355

Members of Public Health and Miscellaneous Services:	Addresses:	Telephone Numbers:- Thanet
Isle of Thanet Hospital Management Committee:	"Regency Buildings," 3, Royal Crescent, Ramsgate.	5-3282
Probation Officers:	73, High Street, Margate; and - "Aysgarth," 17, Carlton Avenue, Ramsgate.	2-3337 5-1103
Thanet Deanery Moral Welfare Association:	44, Addington Road, Margate. 9-30 to 10-30 a.m. 5- 0 " 7- 0 p.m. or by Appointment.	2-2455
Family Planning Association:	Secretary - 8, Meadow Road, Margate.	---
Marriage Guidance Council:	72, Gladstone Road, Broadstairs.	6-2444
County Medical Officer:	County Hall, Maidstone.	Maidstone 4321
Police (Kent County)	Gladstone Road, Broadstairs.	Thanet 6-1333
K.C.C. Ambulance Service: (Also serves the	Northdown Road, Broadstairs. Margate and Ramsgate Boroughs)	6-1461
W.V.S..	18, Dundonald Road, Broadstairs.	6-1540

List of Doctors practising in the Urban District.

Name:	Address:	Telephone Number:
Dr. A. C. Beatty,	17, Queen's Road, Broadstairs.	Thanet 6-2648
Dr. C. H. T. Bond,	45, Queen's Road, Broadstairs.	6-2855
Dr. J. W. W. Jepps, and Dr. J. Michael Jepps, Kimberley Corner, Reading Street, Broadstairs.	"Edge End," St. Peter's Road, Broadstairs.	6-2620 or 6-1884
Dr. H. T. Macaulay, Dr. R. B. Macaulay,	"Wilverley," 17, St. Peter's Road, Broadstairs.	6-2179
Dr. J. C. McNaught, and Dr. J. A. Tutton, 4, Callis Court Road, Broadstairs.	"Dean Park," Osborne Road, Broadstairs.	6-2809 or 6-3353
Dr. Gordon K. Marshall,	97, Albion Road, St. Peter's, Broadstairs.	6-2996
Dr. Martin O. Raven,	"East Cliff House," 1, Eastern Esplanade, Broadstairs.	6-2304
Dr. R. Wylie-Smith,	"Cullingworth," 9, Bairds Hill, Broadstairs.	6-2600

Public Health Department,
Pierremont Hall,
Broadstairs,
Kent.

21st May, 1959.

To the Chairman and Members of the
Broadstairs and St. Peter's
Urban District Council.

Madam and Gentlemen,

I have the honour to submit the Annual Report for the year 1958. The Report presents in a concise and useful manner a guide to the various health services provided in the Urban District.

Vital Statistics: The Vital Statistics of the Urban District show an increase in the population (as estimated by the Registrar-General) of some 190 people. However, there is a slight decrease in the Birth Rate when compared with the previous year - 12.09 against 14.34 for 1957.

The Death Rate increased from 9.17 in 1957 to 12.53 in 1958. However, it is noted that approximately 82% of the deaths were in the 65 to 100 years' group; and by referring to the table on page 19, the main cause of these deaths is shown to be due to the Heart Diseases.

There were six deaths of Infants - one perinatal, two neo-natal, and three from four weeks to one year: only one less than in 1957. Particulars of these are set out on page 18.

Infectious Diseases:) As regards the incidence of infectious diseases, the number of notifications received (332) was much less than in 1957, when the number was 521. The decrease was due to less Measles and Whooping Cough, and very fortunately, no Poliomyelitis.

Health and Social Services:) The Health Services provided in the town, through the National Health Service Act, are set out in the Report in some detail; they are available to all the inhabitants and they are adequate.

Mention must again be made of the good work carried out in the Urban District during the year by members of the staffs of the Health Services operated by the County Council and Hospital Management Committees: with particular reference to the many and varied duties performed by Doctors, Health Visitors, Midwives, Home Nurses, Welfare Officers, District Officers, Domestic and Home Help Organizer and Helpers, etc.; the Hospitals' Staffs; and also the members of the various voluntary organizations in the town such as the Old People's Welfare Committees, the W.V.S., the British Red Cross Society, and many others. These workers do much for the comfort and well-being of the inhabitants of the town and their work is greatly appreciated.

Then there are those whose duties take them to the Schools - the School Doctors, Dentists, Nurses, Educational Welfare Officers, Teachers and Health Educators, who are all striving to set the rising generation on the road to health.

Housing: Housing continued to be one of the chief matters claiming the attention of the Urban District Council. As mentioned in my last year's report the Housing Section dealing with the applications for tenancy of the Council's houses was transferred to the Public Health Department, and continues under the supervision of the Chief Public Health Inspector.

The Council's building programme ended in 1956, and during 1957-58 no further building was undertaken. However, 73 dwellings were erected by private enterprise, and a further 51 were under construction at 31st December, 1958.

Food: During the year no cases of food poisoning were notified in the Urban District. Whilst no special 'Clean Food' campaign was held, good work in this connection was carried out by the Public Health Inspectors.

The number of premises registered for the sale of ice cream was 99: and of the 48 samples taken for analysis 41 proved to be Grade 1; three - Grade 2; two - Grade 3; and two - Grade 4.

The good reports on samples of milk sent to the Public Health Laboratory Service for examination, point to a high standard of cleanliness in the handling of this commodity.

Environmental Services: It has been written that Public Health administration has advanced far beyond the formidable problems of the pioneer sanitarians. For the business of preventive medicine, in these days, is "concerned with conditions which surround a man from infancy to old age, and include the forces of nature, climate, his house, his workshop, the human society in which he moves, his social, economic and domestic circumstances, his food and drink, his habits, the strains and stresses of his life, the parasites and poisons, the agents of infection. All these are his environment.

"The members of the Public Health Staffs, therefore, are confronted with great responsibilities, which not only demand special training and varied experience, but also the cultivation of an outlook and type of mind which fits them to take a lead in assisting in moulding and directing the community health services which have come to play so great a part within the framework of local government administration."

Personal Health Services: This section of public health work includes the work of the clinics - maternal and child welfare, school, dental, tuberculosis, home nursing, the care of old people, the control of infectious diseases, and the aftercare of the deaf, blind and mentally disturbed.

Whilst the personal health services are largely under the control of the County Council as the local Health Authority, the local Public Health Department is a strong link between the local public and the County department; and the local voluntary organizations, without whose co-operation much valuable work could not be done, particularly in connection with that section of the public who have become handicapped by age and infirmity, form another strong link in the "Public Relations" Service.

General: In making a general survey of the year's work, I would say that the health of the people of the town was satisfactory during the twelve months. I am very happy to say that no cases of Poliomyelitis were notified in 1958.

During the year there was a general speeding up in vaccination against Poliomyelitis and much publicity was given to the matter all over the country by the Ministry of Health. In July we were informed of an increase in the supply of imported vaccine. Then in September an announcement appeared in the press that - "Doctors, hospitals and local councils have now been given details of the Ministry of Health's intensified polio vaccination drive." The upper age limit was raised to 25 years. On page 71 will be seen the table giving the numbers of children in the Urban District who received this vaccination during the year; a figure is also given at the bottom of this page, of others, over school age, who were vaccinated too.

In conclusion, I should like to take this opportunity of expressing to the Chairman and Members of the Public Health Committee my appreciation for their support and encouragement during the year.

My thanks are also due to all members of the local Public Health Department for the loyal and efficient way in which they have carried out their duties; to my colleagues in other Departments; to the Staffs of the Kent County Health Services and the Regional Hospital Board Services covering the Broadstairs and St. Peter's Urban District; and to the Medical Practitioners practising in the area, for their willing co-operation and assistance at all times in the public health work of our town.

I have the honour to be, Madam Chairman and Gentlemen,

Your obedient Servant,

G. L. BROCKLEHURST.

Medical Officer of Health and
Principal Medical Officer,
No. 2 Area, K.C.C..

SECTION A.

STATISTICS AND SOCIAL CONDITIONS OF THE AREA.

Area (including Inland Water) - 2,771 acres)	3,033 $\frac{3}{4}$ acres.
(Tidal Water) - 262 $\frac{3}{4}$ ")	
Population, 1958 (Registrar-General) ...	16,760
Rateable Value (March, 1958) ...	£266,032: 0: 0d.
Estimated sum represented by ld. rate ...	£1,032: 0: 0d.

EXTRACTS FROM VITAL STATISTICS OF THE YEAR

	Total	M.	F.	Broadstairs & St. Peter's Urban District.	England & Wales.
Live Births -	181	93	88	Birth Rate 10.80	16.4
				per 1,000	
Legitimate -	168	87	81	estimated	
				population	
Illegitimate	13	6	7	mid-1958.	
				Adjusted Birth Rate.	12.09
Stillbirths -	4	-	4	Rate per 5.41	21.6
				1,000 total	
Legitimate -	4	-	4	(live and	
				still)	
Illegitimate	-	-	-	Births.	
Deaths -	280	133	147	Death Rate 16.71	11.7
				per 1,000	
				estimated	
				population	
				mid-1958.	
				Adjusted Death Rate.	12.53

	<u>Broadstairs & St. Peter's Urban District.</u>	<u>England & Wales.</u>
Deaths from Maternal Causes - Pregnancy, Childbirth or Abortion ...	Nil.	0.43
Death Rate of Infants under one year of age:-		
All Infants per 1,000 live births ...	33.15	22.5
Legitimate Infants per 1,000 legitimate live births ...	35.71	) Not) Avail-) able.
Illegitimate Infants per 1,000 illegi- timate live births	Nil.	
Perinatal (stillbirths and deaths of infants under 1 week of age	27.62	
Neonatal (Infants under four weeks) ...	16.57	16.2

The following table summarizes the causes and ages of the infant deaths which occurred during the year:-

<u>INFANT MORTALITY</u> Causes of Death:-	Number of Deaths:		
	Perinatal (Still- births and Deaths of Infants under one week.	Neo-Natal Infants from 1 week to 4 weeks.	Infants from 4 weeks to 1 year.
Acute Haemorrhagic Pneumonia. ...	-	1 (2 weeks)	-
Prematurity ...	1 (5 Days)	-	-
1a.- Partial Atelectasis) b.- Prematurity.	-	1 (1 week)	-
Pneumonia ...	-	-	1 (2 months)
1a.- Congenital Heart Disease. b.- Patent ductus arteri- osus (ligated)... c.- Persistent truncus arteriosus.	-	-	1 (2 months) (U.S.A.F.)
Meningococccemia ...	-	-	1 (5 months) (U.S.A.F.)
<u>TOTAL INFANT DEATHS:</u>	1	2	3

CAUSES OF DEATH DURING 1958

A L L C A U S E S.			Males	Females
			133	147
1.	Tuberculosis, respiratory	...	3	-
2.	Tuberculosis, other	...	-	-
3.	Syphilitic disease	...	-	-
4.	Diphtheria	...	-	-
5.	Whooping Cough	...	-	-
6.	Meningococcal Infections	...	-	1
7.	Acute Poliomyelitis	...	-	-
8.	Measles	...	-	-
9.	Other infective and parasitic diseases	...	-	-
10.	Malignant neoplasm, stomach	...	4	6
11.	Malignant neoplasm, lung, bronchus.	...	10	4
12.	Malignant neoplasm, breast	...	-	4
13.	Malignant neoplasm, uterus	...	-	1
14.	Other malignant and lymphatic neoplasms	...	16	12
15.	Leukæmia, aleukæmia	...	2	1
16.	Diabetes	...	1	-
17.	Vascular Lesions of nervous system.	...	16	30
18.	Coronary disease, angina	...	27	20
19.	Hypertension with heart disease	...	4	5
20.	Other heart disease	...	17	22
21.	Other circulatory disease	...	7	9
22.	Influenza	...	-	1
23.	Pneumonia	...	7	7
24.	Bronchitis	...	9	3
25.	Other diseases of respiratory system	...	-	-
26.	Ulcer of stomach and duodenum	...	1	1
27.	Gastritis, enteritis and diarrhoea.	...	-	-
28.	Nephritis and nephrosis	...	1	2
29.	Hyperplasia of prostate	...	2	-
30.	Pregnancy, childbirth, abortion	...	-	-
31.	Congenital malformations	...	1	1
32.	Other defined and ill-defined diseases	...	4	13
33.	Motor Vehicle accidents	...	-	-
34.	All other accidents	...	-	2
35.	Suicide	...	1	1
36.	Homicide and operations of War	...	-	1

SOCIAL CONDITIONS OF THE AREA.

The Urban District of Broadstairs and St. Peter's is situated in the centre of the Isle of Thanet coast and is surrounded on three sides by the North Sea and the English Channel. The town, by its high altitude, dominates the famous seaboard of Thanet, and is bounded on the North by the Borough of Margate and on the South by the Borough of Ramsgate. The whole front, which is interspersed with seven sheltered bays, faces south-east. The climate is bracing, dry and equable.

It has truly been written that - "the town's peculiar position on the edge of the Isle of Thanet, open on three sides to the seas, undoubtedly gives it advantages which cannot be found elsewhere within the kingdom; standing on high chalk cliffs, on rising ground, on the most easterly point in England, except Lowestoft, and overlooking a wide expanse of the North Sea, Broadstairs is one of the healthiest and most beautiful places round the English Coast." This may account for the fact that some 25% of the population are retired people.

A large percentage of the inhabitants may be described as private residents, and a good proportion of these are employed in the hotels and boarding and apartment houses during the summer months, or engaged in occupations connected with the stay in the district of numerous visitors. With the advent of the visitors, the summer population may be said to be double the winter population.

Whilst the town is primarily a holiday resort and the principal industry is that of catering for the needs of the visitors, in addition to the Shops, Education, Entertainment and Utility Services - (Schools, Cinemas, Halls, Electricity, Gas, Water, Fire, Transport, Local Government, Postal Services and Banks), there are Factories, Workshops and Garages in the Urban District, and premises in a growing light industrial area situated on the outskirts of the town, which provide stable employment for a section of the community who are not engaged in the holiday industry; these include premises used for the building trade, and for the development of light industries.

The Kent County Council is the Education Authority for the Urban District, and they are responsible for two Technical Schools, one County Modern School and five County Primary Schools in the town.

A proportion of the inhabitants are employed at the Boarding Schools, large Convalescent Homes and Holiday Homes, of which there are several in the area.

The farmers and nurserymen in the Urban District and the surrounding neighbourhood provide employment for those interested in agricultural pursuits.

Quite a few of the residents travel daily to business in the City, and others to employment in the neighbouring towns of Margate, Ramsgate and Canterbury; and also to Richborough, south of Ramsgate, which area has developed in the past few years into a busy hive of industry.

Social Welfare : Elderly People.

Throughout the year the needs of the old people continued to attract attention, and whilst much good work is done by the County Council's District Officers, Home Nurses, Health Visitors and Domestic Helpers, the voluntary organizations make a valuable contribution towards the social welfare of the old people in the town.

The members of the Broadstairs Branch of the Old Age Pensioners' Federation and of the "Over 60" Club, together with the W.V.S., continue to operate their "silent service" for the ageing and the aged by visiting the aged sick, disabled and needy: and by drawing attention to the social side of their activities to those who are "home bound" through shyness or loneliness. Socials, whist drives, concerts (each Club has its own choir), lectures, outings, etc. are arranged and are well supported by the members of the two Clubs. Sessions are also arranged for those interested in the arts and handicrafts, as and when the need arises.

Social Welfare : The Deaf and Hard of Hearing.

The good work of the Marigold Club was continued during 1958 by the Broadstairs and St. Peter's Branch of the W.V.S.. People of all ages are welcomed and catered for at this Club, and by meeting each other at these weekly sessions, new interests and friendships are created both for the old and the young who, in the ordinary way, have a greater loneliness in life because of their deafness.

CLIMATOLOGY.

I am indebted to the Surveyor and Engineer for the following details of the climatological records which, since February, 1956, have been logged by the Council's Head Gardener. -

Period 1958	A V E R A G E		A C T U A L	
	Temperature		Rain- fall. Inches.	Sub- shine Hours.
	Maximum F ^o	Minimum F ^o		
January...	41.10	34.10	2.07	49.00
February..	43.63	36.14	2.46	55.00
March ...	42.23	34.39	1.34	156.45
April ...	44.50	39.27	1.37	177.00
May ...	59.10	46.61	1.68	204.00
June ...	69.01	51.03	5.06	198.00
July ...	73.32	55.10	2.17	241.30
August ...	70.77	56.48	3.31	156.00
September.	67.66	56.40	2.73	184.30
October...	59.29	48.52	3.56	104.30
November..	49.87	41.70	1.66	56.30
December..	47.36	39.39	3.64	55.15
			31.02	1,636.80

TOTAL RAINFALL (Inches) for the year 1958 ... 31.02
 " SUNSHINE (Hours) " " " " ... 1,636.80

SECTION B.

LOCAL HEALTH SERVICES FOR THE AREA AS PROVIDED BY THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL.

Laboratory Facilities.

Bacteriological, pathological and biological examinations were carried out at the Public Health Laboratory, at Preston Hall, British Legion Village, Maidstone. (Telephone - Maidstone 7262, Extension 20). These Laboratories are under the direction of Dr. J. H. C. Walker - Telephone - Maidstone 7239).

The chemical examinations were carried out as hitherto, by the County Analyst at the County Laboratory, County Hall, Maidstone. (Telephone - Maidstone 4321).

Some examinations were carried out at the Margate General Hospital Laboratory by Dr. H. Sterndale and his staff.

Ambulance Facilities.

The Kent County Council is the responsible authority for the provision of an Ambulance Service throughout the County.

The Ambulance Station at Northdown Road, St. Peter's (Telephone - Thanet 61461/2) covers the whole of the Thanet area; the nearest neighbouring Stations (according to location of requirement) are Whitstable, Canterbury and Deal.

Radio-telephony equipment is installed at the Broadstairs Northdown Station, enabling information to be passed to and from central control and to most of the vehicles in the area. This makes possible the quick diversion of the ambulances to accidents and other emergencies and can save life and time.

Requests for suitable means of transport for persons suffering from illness or mental defectiveness or expectant or nursing mothers, are to be made to the appropriate ambulance station and, in cases other than accidents, can

be accepted only from medical practitioners, hospital staffs and, in emergency, midwives and nurses. Rail transport is used wherever practicable and especially when long journeys are involved.

Home Nursing.

This service is provided free by the County Council, and except in case of emergency and accident, patients can only be attended when the nurses are required by the doctors to do so. The Home Nurses appointed for the Urban District are -

Mrs. I. E. Price,	S.R.N., S.C.M., Q.N.;
Miss B. I. Carlisle,	S.R.N., S.C.M., I.N.C.; and
Mrs. I. A. Welch,	S.R.N., S.C.M., Q.N..

Domestic Help Service.

A Domestic Help Service is operated by the Kent County Council and is provided for households where such help is required owing to the presence of any person who is ill, lying-in, an expectant mother, mental defective, aged, or a child not over compulsory school age. The service provided is limited to the performance of essential domestic help; and the demands made on the service continue to increase.

Elderly people retained in their own familiar surroundings, with a sense of being still actively part of the community, can often fend for themselves if given a little help. It is for this reason that a good home nursing service, together with domestic help through a home-help scheme, can play such an important part in keeping the aged and infirm out of hospital.

Mrs. M. Heyes, the appointed Area Organizer, has kindly supplied me with the following information with regard to the work done in the Urban District during 1958. -

"Domestic Help Service:

"The average number of cases assisted in Broadstairs each week is 45. The work is undertaken by eleven part-time helpers."

Family Help Service:

This Service covers cases where a mother is admitted to hospital, etc., and there are two or more children in the household. It has been found better to retain the children in their own homes rather than place them with foster parents or in residential nurseries. It has also been found more economical than boarding the children out. Under this service the care of the children is ensured from the time the husband leaves for work until his return home.

Child Care Service:

This is a service to assist specified 'problem family' cases and is an entirely free service.

Special Services for the Aged (70 years of age and over):

(a) Evening Service. - Help is provided during the evening to ensure that those who are incapacitated have assistance to help them undress, fill hot water bottles, see that the fire is safe for the night, etc.: these duties take approximately half an hour to an hour to perform each evening, including Saturdays and Sundays.

(b) Night Service. - This Service is brought into operation in cases of illness, where a patient cannot be left alone, and is provided in the first instance for a period of three weeks - from 10- 0 p.m. to 6- 0 a.m. each night.

Health Visitors, School Nurses and Infant Life Protection Officers.

The County Council's Health Visiting, School Nursing and Infant Life Protection Services continued to be carried out by Miss E. Brammer, S.R.N., S.C.M., H.V.Cert.R.S.I. and Miss E. Mortimer, S.R.N., S.C.M., H.V.Cert.R.S.I..

Miss L. Calsi, S.R.N., S.C.M., H.V.Cert.R.S.I. was appointed to the post of Tuberculosis Health Visitor on the 1st November, 1957, and continued to operate this Service during 1958.

Midwifery Service.

Miss E. G. Chapman, S.C.M. and Miss M. Patterson, S.C.M. continued to operate the County Council's Midwifery Service in the Urban District.

Family Planning.

The Family Planning Association Clinic is now well established at the Margate Hospital. Mrs. A. W. Mannell, J.P., is the President of the Thanet Branch.

Treatment Centres and Clinics.

The following table gives the particulars of some of the various Treatment Centres and Clinics operated by the Kent County Council for the inhabitants of Broadstairs and St. Peter's. -

Treatment Centres and Clinics:	Sessions	
	Days	Times
<u>Child Welfare Clinic:</u>		
Beaconsfield House, 25, St. Peter's Road, Broadstairs.	Monday and Thursday.	2- 0 p.m. to 4- 0 p.m.
<u>Maternity Clinics:</u>		
Ante-Natal and Post Natal Clinic, Beaconsfield House, 25, St. Peter's Road, Broadstairs.	Wednesday.	2- 0 p.m. to 4- 0 p.m.

Treatment Centres and Clinics:	Sessions	
	Days	Times
<u>Dental Clinic:</u> Beaconsfield House, 25 St. Peter's Road, Broadstairs. School) Children)	Wednesday and Saturday.	9- 0 a.m. to 12- 0 noon.
Mothers and Infants - (Gas Clinic included in the Thursday Session).	Wednesday and every other Thursday. (By appoint- ment)	2- 0 p.m. and From 1-30 p.m.

School Health Services.

Medical treatment is provided by the County Council as follows:-

Minor Ailments Clinic.	Sessions	
	Days	Time
Child Welfare Centre, College Road, Margate.	Monday, Wednesday and Friday.	9- 0 a.m.
Child Welfare Clinic, Beaconsfield House, 25 St. Peter's Road, Broadstairs.	Thursday	9-30 a.m. to 11- 0 a.m.

Minor Ailments Clinic.	Sessions	
	Days	Time
King Ethelbert Clinic, Margate.	Monday, Wednesday and Friday.	9- 0 a.m.
The Health Centre, Newington Road, Ramsgate.	Every Monday and Wednesday; and also Friday Morning.	

Specialist School Clinics.

Attendance at these County Clinics is by appointment only, application for treatment being made to the County Medical Officer. -

Clinics.	Address of Centres.
Child Guidance,	51, London Road, Canterbury.
Ophthalmic,	Child Welfare Centre, College Road, Margate.
"	The Health Centre, Newington Road, Ramsgate.
Orthopædic,	Child Welfare Centre, College Road, Margate.
"	The Health Centre, Newington Road, Ramsgate.

Clinics.	Address of Centres.
Speech Therapy,	Eton House, 41, St. Peter's Road, Margate.
Lip Reading for the Deaf,	Child Welfare Centre, College Road, Margate.

Clinic Services provided through the Hospital
Services.

The following Clinics, administered by the Hospital Management Committee of the Regional Hospital Board, are available, by appointment, for the inhabitants of the Urban District. -

Clinics.	Sessions	
	Days	Times
<u>Chest Clinics:</u> The General Hospital, Westcliff Road, Ramsgate.	Monday	9-30 a.m. and 3- 0 p.m.
The Chest Clinic, South Eastern Road, Ramsgate.	Tuesday	9-30 a.m. to 12- 0 noon.
Margate and District General Hospital, St. Peter's Road, Margate.	Tuesday and Wednesday	9-15 a.m. and 2-30 p.m.

Clinics.	Sessions	
	Days	Times
<u>Chest Clinics: (Cont'd:)</u>		
<u>A.P. Refill:-</u>		
The General Hospital, Westcliff Road, Ramsgate. (Workers only) -	Monday "	9- 0 a.m. and 6- 0 p.m.
Royal Sea Bathing Hospital, 38, Canterbury Road, Margate. (Workers only) -	Thursday "	9-20 a.m. and 6- 0 p.m.
<u>Contact and B.C.G. Clinic:</u>	From time to time.	By Appoint- ment.
<u>Chiropody:</u>		
Margate and District General Hospital, St. Peter's Road, Margate.	Monday (By Appointment)	2- 0 p.m.
<u>Hearing Aids:</u>		
The General Hospital, Westcliff Road, Ramsgate.	(By Appointment)	
<u>(For Repairs, Examinations, etc.)</u>		
The Kent and Canterbury Hospital, Ethelbert Road, Canterbury.	(By Appointment)	

Clinics.	Sessions	
	Days	Time
<u>Hearing Aids: (Cont'd:)</u> <u>(For New Batteries, etc.)</u> Royal Sea Bathing Hospital, 38, Canterbury Road, Margate.	Daily	9- 0 a.m.
<u>Special Clinic - Venereologi-</u> <u>cal:</u> Margate and District General Hospital, St. Peter's Road, Margate.	(Women) Tuesday Friday	(10- 0 a.m. to (11- 0 a.m.
	(Men) Tuesday Friday	(11- 0 a.m. to (12- 0 noon.
Kent and Canterbury Hospital, Ethelbert Road, Canterbury.	(Women) Tuesday Friday	(2- 0 p.m. to (3- 0 p.m.
	(Men) Tuesday Friday	(3- 0 p.m. to (4- 0 p.m.

Hospitals:

The Hospital Services are administered by the Hospital Management Committees, working under the control of the South Eastern Metropolitan Regional Hospital Board.

The Hospitals serving the Urban District are -

Isolation Hospital:

Haine Hospital, Thanet. (Infectious Diseases and Dermatology).	110 Beds.
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General Hospitals:

Kent and Canterbury Hospital, Canterbury.	277 "
Margate and District General Hospital, Margate.	132 "
Ramsgate General Hospital, Ramsgate.	101 "
Royal Sea Bathing Hospital, Margate.	244 "
Hill House Hospital, Minster, near Ramsgate.	178 "

The undermentioned three Children's Convalescent Homes are also administered by the Hospital Management Committees:-

The Metropolitan Convalescent Home for Children, Lanthorne Road, Broadstairs.	102 Beds.
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The Victoria and Zachary Merton Convalescent Home, Stone Road, Broadstairs. (Home of the Victoria Hospital for Children, Tite Street, Chelsea, S.W.3.). (This Home closed down 31: 3:59).	60 "
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The Yarrow Home of the Westminster Hospital, Ramsgate Road, Broadstairs.	85 "
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Smallpox Hospital Accommodation.

The Regional Hospital Board have a scheme in operation whereby smallpox patients may be admitted to the

River Hospitals (Long Reach), Dartford, Kent. No cases were notified during 1958.

Homes and Schools.

In a holiday resort with so many natural advantages, sun, sea and health giving air, it is understandable that various Organizations and County Councils have chosen Broadstairs as one of the places in which to set up establishments for the use of children and adults from inland towns and districts; thus there are Homes and Schools of varying kinds in the Urban District, and the following is a brief summary of these establishments. -

Children's Homes. -

There are a few Children's Homes, some privately owned and others operated by the County Council: there are also some registered Foster Homes in the district.

Residential Nursery. -

One residential Training Nursery, with accommodation for some 25 children, is administered by the Church of England Children's Society.

Convalescent Homes. -

There were five Children's Convalescent Homes with accommodation for some 450 children: and there is also one adult Convalescent Home in the Urban District, with accommodation for 50 men.

Holiday Homes. -

There are ten Holiday Homes, two for children, four for adults, one for old age pensioners, one for convalescent patients and their families, one for disabled people - paralyzed, spastics, etc., and an L.C.C. recuperative holiday home. Also a section of the L.C.C. residential Home for old people (11 Beds) was used as a Holiday Home for some of the old people in the London County Council's inland Homes, who came to Broadstairs for a week's sea-side holiday during the summer months.

Homes for Elderly People - National Assistance
Act, 1948, Section 37.

These Homes are registered by the County Council and come within the jurisdiction of the Residential Services Department. There are three residential Homes for elderly people, one administered by the Kent Council of Social Service, with accommodation for 30 old people; one administered by the London County Council, with accommodation for 40 residents, in addition to the 11 beds used for holiday visitors; and one administered by the "Sisters of the Church" (Church Extension Society (Incorporated)), which has accommodation for 16 retired elderly Sisters.

There is also a small number of premises, the proprietors of which undertake to look after elderly people and have their premises registered by the County Council for this purpose; a number of old people are also cared for in the registered Nursing Homes when rooms are available.

The housing of old people is a problem in many parts, and assistance in this direction has been given by the local Council. In the development of the Northdown Estate the erection of 47 small bungalows is now completed, and a number of old people, and people living alone, have been comfortably and satisfactorily housed. These small bungalows are much appreciated by the occupants. During the year the Council had under consideration the building of 21 old people's flatlets.

Nursing Homes. - Public Health Act, 1936.
Sections 187 to 194.

The powers and duties for the registration of Nursing Homes are delegated by the County Council (as the supervising Authority) to the Urban District Council.

Inspections of the registered Homes in the Urban District were made at regular intervals.

The Council renewed the Exemption Certificates in respect of the exemptions granted under Section 192(1) of the Act, in relation to seven establishments in the Urban District.

The following table shows the number of Homes registered and the amount of accommodation provided for patients.

Two new Homes were registered during the year, in March and May respectively.

Year 1958.	No. of Homes:	No. of Beds pro- vided for:-		Total:
		Maternity	Others	
Homes first regis- tered during the year ...	2	-	23	23
Homes on the regi- ster at the end of 1958 ...	5	2	67	69

Mental Aftercare Home. -

A Mental Health Service for the prevention, care and aftercare of mental illness and defectiveness is operated by the County Council, and the District Officer is the appointed "Duly Authorized Officer" for this Service.

In the Urban District there is one registered Mental Aftercare Home, with accommodation for 24 patients.

Schools. -

The Kent County Council is the Education Authority for the area, and in addition to the State Schools there is a number of Boarding and Private Day Schools, including some for delicate and handicapped children. It is a great privilege to have such excellent educational facilities in the town and surrounding area.

National Assistance Act, 1948; and
National Assistance (Amendment) Act, 1951.

Section 47.- No action necessary during the year.

Section 50.- No bodies dealt with during the year.

Public Mortuary.

The Council's Mortuary is situated in the Fire Station Yard, on The Broadway, and is under the supervision of the Chief Public Health Inspector.

During the year 25 bodies were admitted and 24 post mortem examinations were held by H. Sterndale Esq., M.D..

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SECTION C.

SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA.

Water.

Since April, 1956, the water undertaking is under the control of the Thanet Water Board, which comprises the undertakings of Thanet, Sandwich, Eastry, part of Bridge-Blean and mid-Kent.

It is reported by the Water Board that "due partly to the wisdom of past generations, the Board's area (some 100 square miles) is not short of water. The rain which is soaked into the ground is always trying to find its way to the sea and a network of tunnels has been cut through the the chalk to trap the water and take it to the wells, where it is pumped to the surface.

"Although there is no shortage of water the great problem is to pipe it from Wingham and other stations to the towns. In the winter the Board is called upon to produce something like five million gallons of water a day, but with the vast increase of population in the summer this figure jumps to nine million gallons."

The water supply for the Broadstairs and St. Peter's area continues to be obtained from the Rumfields Water Works, which are situated on the Western side of the District, and is supplemented as and when necessary by water from the Board's other sources - Margate, etc..

The water has no plumbo solvent action.

Strict checks are made to ensure that all water is germ free and so a small amount of chlorine is added.

Examination of Water Samples.

Bacteriological examinations were carried out at the Public Health Laboratory, Preston Hall, Maidstone, at fortnightly intervals and chemical analyses every two months by the County Analyst.

During 1958 the following samples of water were collected and sent by the Public Health Inspectors to the Laboratory for examination, with the following results:-

Examinations:	No. of Samples taken.	Results:
<u>Treated Water:</u>		
Bacteriological ...	21	Satisfactory.
Chemical ...	5	Satisfactory.

Thanks are due to the Engineer and Manager of the Thanet Water Board for supplying the following information:-

Number of Premises supplied by the Public Mains.

Apart from one isolated farm cottage, which is supplied with well water, every house in the Urban District is supplied with water from the mains.

At the 31st December, 1958, there were approximately 5,948 premises (including business premises) connected to the public water mains. In addition there were 431 metered supplies.

Extensions to the Water Mains during 1958.

The following are brief details as to extensions of water mains during the period under review. -

204 yds. - 4" main off Ramsgate Road (partly
Ramsgate Borough).

185 yds. - 3" main - Bromstone Road.

235 yds. - 4" main - Lauriston Mount.

New Water Services carried out.

During the same period the undermentioned new water services were laid:-

New services for building and domestic purposes	...	124
New services to vacant plots for future development	...	Nil.
Non-domestic meter supplies	...	9
Services to allotment gardens, etc.		1.

Drainage and Sewerage.

Main drainage is provided for practically the whole of the district.

Seventy-three (73) new, and two old premises were connected to the sewer during the year; three new cesspools were made and connected to two new houses, and two old cesspools were abolished.

New sewers were constructed to serve properties in Old Green Road, Lauriston Mount, The Ridgway, Warren Drive, Oaklands Avenue, Ocean View and Seven Stones Drive.

Closet Accommodation.

At the end of the year there were approximately 5,413 premises with W.C's. draining into the main drainage system; and by the end of the year the number of premises draining into cesspools was estimated to be 581, this figure being arrived at by a series of calculations over the years.

Arrangements are in operation whereby the Council undertake the emptying of cesspools, the cost of which is borne by the person making application for the work to be done.

Public Cleansing.

The cleansing services are under the direction of the Engineer and Surveyor; these services include the collection and disposal of house and trade refuse; salvage; cleansing of streets; the supervision and maintenance of public conveniences, etc..

In 1930 a combined salvage and incineration plant was erected for dealing with the house refuse in the Urban District, and the works came into use at the beginning of December of that year. In 1934 the Council installed a water dust trap between the combustion chamber and the chimney shaft to obviate any nuisance being caused by the emission of dust from the chimney.

In April, 1956, general works of repair were carried out to the internal lining of the destructor chimney; the dust extractor was reconstructed; and the incinerator cells relined.

Dry refuse is collected by petrol driven motive units and disposed of by salvage and incineration.

A weekly collection of house refuse was in operation during the year, and during the summer months a bi-weekly collection was made from the hotels and boarding houses. Trade and garden refuse was collected as and when required.

Cinders are separated from the refuse; tins and paper are salvaged and baled; and together with iron, bones, rags, jam jars and other salvaged materials, are sold economically to a contractor.

An electric powered tin baler was purchased and put into operation on the 30th August, 1958, which materially assisted in the baling of tins.

The total amount of refuse collected and disposed of annually is approximately 4,900 tons.

A scheme for the payment of the Council employees engaged in the collection and disposal of refuse, of an incentive bonus covering all salvaged materials was prepared by the Council's Surveyor and brought into operation on 1st December, 1955. The scheme has proved to be a great success.

In the financial year 1958/59, £1,420 was received for salvaged materials, which is some £372 less than the amount received the previous year. This decrease was principally due to the falling prices offered for salvaged materials.

Fouling of Footpaths by Dogs.

For some years now the Council have received complaints regarding the fouling of footpaths by dogs, and the County Council made a byelaw on the "Fouling of Footways by Dogs" and this came into operation on the 1st March, 1956.

The local Council continued to display posters on Council sites during the year.

However, complaints of this nature are still received from time to time: during the year the Chairman of the Ratepayers' and Residents' Association made a strong appeal - publicly and to the Council - on behalf of the members of the Association, asking that further efforts be made by the Council to secure an abatement of the nuisance.

This is a most difficult problem as complainers themselves are unwilling to be drawn into any action which could be taken under the appropriate byelaws.

Sanitary Inspection of the Area.

The Chief Public Health Inspector reports as follows with regard to the sanitary inspection of the area:-

Total number of visits	...	5,008
Number of Notices served - Informal		115
Statutory		---
" " Complaints received	...	288
" " Nuisances abated	...	413
" " Interviews re Public Health		864
" " " " Housing..		745.

The following tables give a summary of the visits, inspections, etc., and the sanitary improvements carried out during the year. -

SUMMARY OF VISITS - INSPECTIONS, Etc.		
Inspections and Visits re Housing	...	486
Inspections/Interviews - Rent Act	...	69
Inspections and re-inspections under Public Health Acts	...	516
Interviews/Visits re Infectious Diseases - Disinfection...	...	168
Visits re Sampling	...	275
Inspection of Butchers' Shops	...	256
" " Food Premises	...	532
" " Dairies	...	80
" " Unsound Food	...	189
" " Factories and Workshops	...	170
" re the Keeping of Animals	...	80
" and re-inspections re Insect Pests		160
" re Rodent Infestations	...	1,649
Shops Act Inspections...	...	178
Interviews re Shops Act..	...	30
General Surveys re Shops Act	...	15
Miscellaneous Visits	...	155
T O T A L	...	5,008

SUMMARY OF SANITARY IMPROVEMENTS CARRIED OUT.

Choked Drains/Cesspools	...	32
Drains repaired/tested.	...	3
Gullies repaired/cleansed	...	2
Inspection Chambers constructed/repared		1
Rainwater Pipes repaired/provided	...	3
Eaves guttering repaired	...	2
Roofs repaired	...	8
Defective Chimneys and Flues	...	1
Dustbins provided	...	12
Accumulations removed..	...	46
Dirty Houses cleaned...	...	4
New W.C. Pans fitted...	...	15
W.C's repaired/cleansed	...	21
Sinks and sink wastepipes provided/repared		37
Ceilings repaired	...	6
Internal walls repaired	...	8
Windows repaired	...	7
Doors repaired	...	1
Floors repaired	...	6
Ranges and Fireplaces..	...	2
Dampness remedied	...	15
Water Supply repairs...	...	9
Shops - General Improvements	...	2
Provision of Hot Water Supply.		2
Premises treated for insect pests	...	132
(Ants	...	8)
(Aphis - white.		1)
(Bees	...	3)
(Bugs	...	1)
(Cockroaches...		14)
(Earwigs	...	3)
(Fleas	...	5)
(Flies	...	4)
(Mosquitoes	...	1)
(Moths	...	3)
(Red Mite	...	1)
(Silverfish	...	2)
(Snails and Slugs		2)
(Woodworm	...	12)
(Wasps' Nests destroyed		72)

SUMMARY OF SANITARY IMPROVEMENTS CARRIED OUT.
(Continued)

The Keeping of Animals.	...	14
Rabbit Infestations ...	...	4
Miscellaneous ...	...	77

Smoke Abatement.

There are very few factories in the district of a type liable to cause smoke nuisances, and no nuisance of this nature was observed during the year.

Shops and Offices.

Visits were made as follows to shop premises to ascertain whether the provisions of the Shops Act, 1950, were being complied with:-

Inspections ...	...	178
General Surveys.	...	15
Interviews ...	...	30.

A number of sanitary improvements were carried out during the year.

Factories Acts, 1937 and 1948.

The following tables give the prescribed particulars which are required in relation to the above mentioned Acts.-

PART I. OF THE ACT.

1. - INSPECTIONS for purposes of provisions as to health
(made by the Public Health Inspectors)

Premises	Number on Register	Number of -		
		Inspec- tions:	Written Notices:	Occupiers prosecuted:
(i) Factories in which Sec- tions 1, 2, 3, 4 and 6 are to be enforced by Local Authori- ties.	2	11	-	-
(ii) Factories not included in (i) in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority.	51	159	2	-
(iii) Other Prem- ises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority * (excluding outworkers' premises).	-	-	-	-
T O T A L ...	53	170	2	-

* i.e.-- Electrical Stations (Section 103) (1), Institutions (Section 104) and sites of Building Operations and Works of Engineering Construction (Sections 107 and 108).

2.- <u>CASES IN WHICH DEFECTS WERE FOUND.</u>					
Particulars:	Number of Cases in which defects were found.				No. of cases in which prosecu- tions were in- stituted.
	Found	Reme- died.	Referred -		
			To H.M. Ins- pector.	By H.M. Ins- pector.	
Want of Cleanliness: (S.1) ...	2	2	-	-	-
Ineffective drain- age of floors: (S.6)	1	1	-	-	-
Sanitary Conveni- ences: (S.7) - (b) Unsuitable or defective.	3	5	-	2	-
T O T A L..	6	8	-	2	-

<u>PART VIII OF THE ACT.</u>	
OUTWORK (Sections 110 and 111)	
Nature of Work:	No. of Outworkers in August list required by Section 110(1)(c)
Wearing Apparel - Making, etc. ...	4 (Satisfactory)

Swimming Baths and Pools.

There are seven swimming pools used in connection with private schools in the district. In addition there is one swimming pool at the premises of the Dumpton Country Club; and one public swimming pool at the premises formerly known as "The Grand Hotel," which was not in use during the year.

The water for these pools is provided by the Thanet Water Board.

Prevention of Damage by Pests Act, 1949.

The work carried out by this Authority was continued, as in previous years, on the lines recommended by the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food.

Free treatment is given at private dwelling-houses (except in cases of obvious neglect), and business premises are charged according to the extent of the infestation and the time spent on it. This service is widely known in the district, and full advantage is taken of it by householders and traders.

During routine inspections in the Urban District careful observations are made by the Public Health Inspectors of any known or likely sources of infestation, so that in the event of any sporadic outbreaks, prompt measures can be taken to deal with any infestations that may occur, and special attention is paid to the Council's refuse tips. All complaints received during the year were of a minor nature.

As the appointed representatives on the Kent No. 1 Workable Area Committee for the destruction of rats and Mice, Councillor E. Valsler and the Chief Public Health Inspector attended a meeting of the Committee on the 27th February at the Bridge-Blean Rural District Council Offices, Canterbury.

A one day Refresher Course for Local Authority operators was held in Ramsgate on the 1st July, which the Council's operator attended.

Testing of Sewers.

The Annual 10% test baiting of the Council's sewerage system was carried out during April, 1958: thirty manholes were tested and no "takes" were recorded. Again the conclusion to be drawn from this testing is, that there are few, if any, rats in the Council's sewers.

The following table gives particulars of work done during 1958. -

Type of Property:	Number of Complaints received:		No. of Properties inspected:	Number of Properties found to be infested by:-		Number of Treatments carried out by the Department:		Total No. of Inspections made:
	Rats	Mice		Rats	Mice	Rats	Mice	
Local Authority ...	2	4	6	2	4	2	4))))) 1,649
Dwelling Houses.	89	42	210	117	44	117	59	
Business Premises	9	11	20	9	11	16	15	
Agricultural..	2	-	2	2	-	-	-	
TOTALS:	102	57	232	128	59	135	78	

Eradication of Bed Bugs.

When necessary, disinfection is carried out with a liquid insecticide; one report of this nature was received during the year and dealt with.

Rag Flock and Other Filling Materials Act, 1951.

There are no premises in the Urban District which require to be registered or licensed under the provisions of the above Act.

Pet Animals Act, 1951.

Three applications for the renewal of existing licences under Section 1 of this Act were received together with the appropriate fees, during the year.

The premises referred to in the applications were inspected and found to be suitable for this purpose, and the necessary licences were granted.

The conditions under which animals should be kept are incorporated in the licence.

Riding Establishments Act, 1939.

This Act is designed to prevent horses from Riding Establishments being worked whilst in an unfit condition. One of the establishments closed down during the year; the remaining three were inspected from time to time, but no action was necessary under the provisions of the Act.

Heating Appliances (Fireguards) Act, 1952.

This Act, together with Regulations made thereunder, prohibits the sale or letting of unguarded electric fires, gas fires and oil heaters.

Routine visits were made during 1958 in connection with the Act: generally, the manufacturers of appliances incorporate the requirements of the Regulations in their methods of manufacture. No contravention of the Act was observed.

Clean Air Act, 1956.

Certain provisions of this Act came into force on 31st December, 1956, and it was expected that further

Regulations dealing with the remaining provisions of the Act were presented to Parliament early in 1958.

By an Order made by the Minister of Housing and Local Government, certain provisions of the Act which were not already in force were brought into operation from the 1st June, 1958.

The authorities who are local authorities for public health purposes are the local authorities under the Clean Air Act, and their functions are in consequence extended.

Dealer in Old Metal and Marine Store Dealer. -
Public Health Acts Amendment Act, 1907.

One application for registration as a Dealer in Old Metal and Marine Store Dealer was received and a licence granted under the provisions of the above Act.

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SECTION D. - HOUSING.

The following brief outline of various aspects of the housing work carried out during the period under review will be of interest, and for this information I am indebted to the Clerk of the Council, the Housing Officer and the Public Health Inspectors. -

Improvements:

Number of applications submitted	...	5
" " " approved	...	5.

Summary of Improvements - 1958:

Property:	Improve- ments:	Approved Estimated Expenses:	Approved Proportion of Grant:
		£	£
One House...	(General,	240	120
" " ...	(includ-	240	120
" " ...	(ing pro-		
" " ...	(vision	152	76
" " ...	(of bath-		
" " ...	(room and	108	54
" " ...	(hot water		
" " ...	(supply.	300	150
" " ...	(

New Properties,

The Building Inspector has kindly supplied the following information with regard to new houses erected during the year and the number under construction on 31st December, 1958. -

Houses erected by:-	Number Erected:	Number under Construction:
The Local Authority ...	-	-
Other Bodies and Persons	73	51

Total number of houses owned by the
Local Authority ... 632.

The following figures, supplied by the Public Health Inspectors, are an extract from the Summary of quarterly returns by local authorities to Ministry of Housing and Local Government in P.13 Hsg. for the year ended 31st December, 1958. -

A.- Houses demolished:

Not in Clearance Areas:

(4) As a result of formal or informal procedure under Section 17(1) Housing Act, 1957. -

Houses demolished ...	1
No. of Persons displaced during the year ...	2
No. of Families displaced during the year ...	1.

B.- Unfit Houses closed: ... Nil.

C.- Unfit Houses made fit and Houses in which defects were remedied:

(8) After informal action by
local authority ... 38
(By Owners).

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SECTION E.

INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD.

The Chief Public Health Inspector has kindly given me the following particulars in relation to the inspection and supervision of food in the Urban District during 1958.-

Milk.

Registration of Dairies and Distributors.

The following are the particulars of the registration of dairies and distributors of milk in the Urban District:-

Number of registered dairies	...	Nil.
" " " distributors	...	29.

Bacteriological Examination of Milk Samples.

The following numbers of milk samples were submitted to the Public Health Laboratory Service for bacteriological examination:-

Grade of Milk:	No. of Samples taken:	Satisfactory:	Unsatisfactory:
<u>Pasteurized:</u>	103 (
Methylene Blue Test	(103	---
Phosphatase Test	(103	---
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<u>Sterilized:</u>	12 (
Turbidity Test	(12	---

Chemical Analysis of Milk Samples.

Thirty-one samples were sent to the County Analyst for chemical analysis - all from the local schools' supplies; these gave satisfactory results.

School Milk.

As will be seen from the above paragraph, the milk supply to local schools, including schools maintained by the London County Council, is tested regularly, and 43 samples of milk from the schools' supplies were submitted for examination during the year: all proved to be satisfactory.

Licences.

The undermentioned licences were issued by the Urban District Council during the year under the following Regulations:-

Milk (Special Designation) (Pasteurized and Sterilized Milk) Regulations, 1949 - 1953;

and

Milk (Special Designation) (Raw Milk) Regulations, 1949 - 1954. -

<u>Type of Licence:</u>	Number issued:
Supplementary Licence to sell 'Pasteurized' milk ...	6
Dealer's Licence to sell 'Pasteurized' milk	22
Dealer's Licence to sell 'Sterilized' milk	19
Supplementary Licence to sell 'Tuberculin Tested' milk.. ...	6
Dealer's Licence to sell 'Tuberculin Tested' milk ...	4

Meat and Other Foods.

One thousand, three hundred and thirty-two (1,332) visits were made during the year by the Public Health Inspectors to food premises.

Meat:- There are no licensed slaughter-houses within the Urban District. Public slaughterhouses are available at Sandwich and Canterbury. Local butchers usually use Sandwich slaughter-house for the slaughtering of their own animals.

Other English and imported meat supplies are obtained from large wholesale firms who have depots in Ramsgate, Margate and Canterbury.

Unsound) The undermentioned foodstuffs were con-
Food:) demned and surrendered as being unfit for human consumption.

All condemned food was destroyed by burning at the Council's Refuse Disposal Works.

Traders require separate Surrender Notes for each brand of goods surrendered, and 330 Surrender Notes were issued during the year. -

Food:			Approximate Weight:	
			lbs.	ozs.
Miscellaneous	(Tins - 475)	...	439	9
"	(Pkts.- 156)	...	21	14
Carcase and Meat	Offal	...	184	-
Tinned Meat	(Tins - 86)	...	276	15
Tinned Ham	(" - 4)	...	48	13
Sausage	...	...	55	8
Bacon	...	...	12	-
Ham	...	...	22	8
Corned Beef	...	...	5	8
<u>CARRIED FORWARD</u> ...			1,066	11

Food:			Approximate Weight:	
			lbs.	ozs.
<u>BROUGHT FORWARD:</u> ...			1,066	11
Fish - Wet and Dry	...		60	-
" - Tinned (Tins - 24)	...		14	5
Confectionery ...	...		86	-
Preserves ...	...		9	-
Butter ...	...		5	-
Cheese and Cheese Trimmings	...		87	8
TOTAL WEIGHT of Food Surrendered ... (<u>11 cwts. 3 qrs. 12 lbs. 8 ozs.</u>)			1,328	8

Diseases of Animals (Waste Foods) Order, 1957.

The above Order came into operation on the 1st June, 1957.

In order to help prevent the spread of foot and mouth disease, it requires the licensing of collectors of waste foods, who must maintain an approved plant for the adequate boiling of such waste food before feeding to animals or poultry.

The Local Authority, for the purposes of the Order, is the County Council, but after consultation with district councils, all functions under the Order were delegated to them, with effect from the 1st August, 1957.

In this district 14 applications for licences were received, and the plants inspected and found to be adequate.

Ice Cream:

There were 99 premises registered under the provisions of Section 16 of the Food and Drugs Act, 1955, for the manufacture, storage or sale of ice cream. -

Premises registered for:-	Number:
The Manufacture and Sale of Ice Cream ...	3
Storage and distribution of Ice Cream ...	3
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Retailers of Ice Cream ...	99

A satisfactory standard of hygiene was maintained at all establishments where ice cream was manufactured or sold. One hundred and forty-eight visits were made to ice cream premises during the year and 48 samples were submitted to the Public Health Laboratory Service for examination by the Methylene Blue Test and were classified as follows:-

Number of Samples taken:	Number found to be -			
	Grade I	Grade II	Grade III	Grade IV
48	41	3	2	2

The Ice Cream (Heat Treatment, etc.) Regulations, 1947 to 1952 are complied with: no ice cream of the 'cold mix' type is manufactured in the district.

Other Registered Food Premises.

Nineteen premises were registered under the provisions of Section 16 of the Food and Drugs Act, 1955, for the pre-

paration or manufacture of sausages, or potted, pressed, pickled or preserved foods.

During the period under review 532 visits were made by the Public Health Inspectors to food and food preparing premises, including 38 cafes and restaurants. Excluding bakehouses, there are only two small food factories in the Urban District.

Improvements were carried out during the year and a gradual raising of the standard of hygienic conditions still continues.

The numbers of food premises in the area are as follows:-

Premises:	Numbers:
Bakers	7
Butchers	14
Cafes and Restaurants ...	38
Confectionery (Flour) ...	23
" (Sweets)	34
Fishmongers	4
Fried Fish Shops... ..	3
Greengrocers and Fruiterers ...	27
Grocers	26
General Stores	12
TOTAL Number of Food Premises:	188

Clean Food Campaign : Food Hygiene Regulations, 1955.

Steady progress continued to be made in enforcing the requirements of these Regulations, which came into force during 1956.

At the end of the year most business premises were inspected in relation to the Regulations. In some cases verbal intimations were all that was required to draw

attention to infringements which must cease or improvements which must be effected. In all other cases no action was necessary.

As the subject of 'Clean Food' is a public health matter of primary importance which concerns every member of the community, particularly in a holiday town which caters for thousands of visitors in the summer season, further publicity was given to the subject, and instructional posters dealing with food hygiene were mounted on wallboard and issued to food premises where the most food handlers were employed; the posters were changed from time to time to keep interest from flagging.

In seaside holiday resorts such as this there must, of necessity be a continual repetition of publicity on these matters, as hotels, boarding houses, cafes and food shops have many changes in personnel owing to seasonal demand.

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SECTION F.

PREVALENCE OF, AND CONTROL OVER, INFECTIOUS AND
OTHER DISEASES.

The following summary gives the incidence of infectious diseases during the year, with an analysis of cases under age groups:-

D I S E A S E S:	Total Cases noti- fied:	Cases admitted to Hospital:	Total Deaths:
Scarlet Fever ...	4	1	-
Whooping Cough ...	14	-	-
Poliomyelitis ...	-	-	-
Measles ...	112	4	-
Dysentery: Sonne ...	16	) 15 &) 2) Carriers.	-
Bacillary	1		-
Pneumonia ...	3	-	-
Paratyphoid 'Carriers'	-	2	-
Erysipelas ...	1	-	-
Chickenpox ...	181	17	-
T O T A L S ...	332	41	-

The final number of infectious disease notification certificates received, after correction (332), was much

lower than the figure for 1957 (521). This decrease was mainly due to the low number of Measles cases (112) as against the previous year's figure of 253; and the number of Whooping Cough cases (14) as against 74. Fortunately no cases of Poliomyelitis were notified in the Urban District during the year.

The following table shows the distribution of the notifiable infectious diseases in the town during 1958.-

<u>DISEASES:</u>	140 Families and 11 visi- tors.	4 Private Boarding Schools.	4 Convales- cent Homes.	School Camp.	K.C.C. Foster Home.	Nursing Home.
Scarlet Fever.	4	1	1	1	1	1
Whooping Cough	14	1	1	1	1	1
Measles ...	74	31	1	1	6	1
Dysentery:						
Sonne ...	1	1	15	1	1	1
Bacillary...	1	1	1	1	1	1
Pneumonia ...	2	1	1	1	1	1
Erysipelas ...	1	1	1	1	1	1
Chickenpox ...	117	13	50	1	1	1
T O T A L S...	214	44	66	1	6	1

The following summary shows the number of families, Convalescent Homes, Boarding Schools, etc. affected by

each disease; in a number of cases the same families, Schools and Homes were affected by more than one disease.-

Scarlet Fever: 4 Cases in 3 Families.

<u>Whooping Cough:</u>	13	" "	7 Families.
	1 Case	-	Visitor on holiday.

<u>Measles:</u>	65	Cases	in	50	Families.
	9	"	-		Visitors on holiday.
	31	"	in	2	Boarding Schools.
	6	"	"	1	K.C.C. Foster Home.
	1	"	"	1	Convalescent Home.

Dysentery:

Sonne - 1 Case in 1 Family.
15 Cases " 1 Convalescent Home.

Bacillary - 1 Case " 1 Family.

<u>Pneumonia:</u>	2 Cases	"	2 Families.
	1 Case	"	1 Nursing/Old People's Home.

Erysipelas: 1 " " 1 Family.

<u>Chickenpox:</u>	116	"	"	75 Families.
	1	"	-	Visitor on holiday.
	50	"	"	3 Convalescent Homes.
	13	"	"	2 Boarding/Day Schools.
	1	"	"	1 School Holiday Camp.

Particulars of Notifications:-

Scarlet Fever: At the end of March one case was notified, a school girl of 7½ years of age.

No further notifications were received until the last quarter of the year, in November, when a school girl of

11 years of age was notified: then in December notifications were received in respect of two small children, 3 and 4 years of age, in the same family.

The first patient was removed to the Haine Hospital for isolation and treatment: the other three patients were isolated and nursed at home.

Whooping Cough: The first cases of Whooping Cough notified occurred at the end of June, four children in the same family, aged 3, 6, 9 and 11 years respectively.

Then towards the end of July two girls of 4 and 5 years, in another family.

In August, two sisters of 4 and 5 years of age; a child of $6\frac{1}{2}$ years, a visitor on holiday in the town, who had possibly contracted the disease before arrival in Broadstairs; then a boy of 4 years and a girl of 6 years.

In September three children in the same family, aged $1\frac{1}{4}$, $3\frac{1}{2}$ and 6 years respectively.

All the patients were nursed at home.

Measles: It will be noted that the number of cases of Measles notified in 1958 was very much lower than the number for 1957. The following is a brief summary of the cases which occurred:- Twenty-two (22) cases were notified during the first quarter of the year; twelve in the second quarter; thirty in the third quarter; and forty-eight in the last quarter. Through the year, nine of the patients were visitors to the town.

One patient from a Convalescent Home and three of the visitors to the town were removed to the Haine Hospital for treatment. Two other visitors were taken home by car; and the other patients were nursed at home.

The end of the last quarter of the year turned out to be the beginning of a major outbreak, there being 483 notifications of Measles received during the first quarter of 1959.

Dysentery: The small dysentery outbreak commenced at the beginning of May, the first case being a man of 37 years of age, in a private family; then 12 children in a Convalescent Home were notified. All the patients were removed to Haine Hospital for treatment. They all proved to be Sonne Dysentery cases. As a result of examinations carried out at the Public Health Laboratory, two boy 'carriers' were found in the Convalescent Home: they were also removed to Haine Hospital for treatment.

The necessary disinfection was carried out at the private house and at the Convalescent Home. The latter establishment was visited and strict instructions given with regard to 'toilet' and 'personal' hygiene.

In September an elderly lady of 83 years of age, was removed to the Ramsgate General Hospital for observation on 26th, and was then transferred on the 29th to Haine Hospital, where she was notified as being a case of Bacillary Dysentery. She was discharged from Hospital on the 15th December.

Then in November three more cases of Sonne Dysentery occurred at the same Convalescent Home as before: the first was a boy of four years of age, who was removed to Haine Hospital for treatment; the second and third notifications were in respect of a girl of seven years and a boy of 8 years: these two were isolated and nursed in the Home.

This was not quite the end of the outbreak: routine 'stool' examinations after notification of the above mentioned cases, were carried out, and reports were received in respect of a girl of 11 years and a boy of 7 years, who were staying at the Convalescent Home, stating - "Salmonella confirmed" - and they were notified as Paratyphoid 'carriers'. They were also removed to Haine Hospital on the 14th November and were discharged on the 28th November. Up to date, 13th May, 1959, there has been no further trouble of this nature at the Home, nor even in the town.

Pneumonia: Three notifications of Pneumonia were received during the year, one man of 45 years of age, and two ladies of 50 and 81 years respectively; the first two cases were nursed

at home and the latter patient was a resident in a Nursing/Old People's Home. They all recovered.

This, however, does not give a true picture in relation to Pneumonia, as 14 deaths, 7 men and 7 women, are shown in the Form S.D.30, but notification certificates have not been received in respect of any of these, although they can be traced through the death returns.

Erysipelas: The only case of Erysipelas notified was a lady of 86 years of age.

Chickenpox: In accordance with the Order made by the Urban District Council in the year 1923, Chickenpox is still notifiable in the Urban District, and during the year 181 cases were notified - 116 in 75 families, plus one visitor to the town; 50 in three Convalescent Homes; 13 in two Boarding/Day Schools; and one in a school holiday camp. Sixty-seven children under school age, 111 school children and three adults were involved. Seventeen patients were removed to the Haine Hospital from three Convalescent Homes.

Notifiable Infectious Diseases - Age Incidence.

The following table gives the age incidence of the various diseases notified during 1958. -

DISEASES:	A G E I N C I D E N C E											
	Under 1 Year.	1-2	2-3	3-4	4-5	5-9	10-14	15-24	25-34	35-44	45-64	65 and over.
Scarlet Fever	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Whooping Cough ...	1	1	1	2	3	7	1	1	1	1	1	1
CARRIED FORWARD ...	1	1	1	3	4	8	2	1	1	1	1	1

DISEASES: (Cont'd:)	A G E I N C I D E N C E											
	Under 1 Year.	1 - 2	3	4	5	9	14	24	34	44	64	65 and over.
BROUGHT FORWARD...	-	1	1	3	4	8	2	1	1	1	1	1
Measles ...	3	7	4	6	11	47	31	3	1	1	1	1
Dysentery: Sonne ...	-	-	-	1	6	7	1	-	-	1	-	1
Bacillary..	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Pneumonia...	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	1
Erysipelas..	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Chickenpox..	4	10	23	11	19	103	8	1	1	1	-	-
T O T A L S:	7	18	27	21	40	165	42	4	1	2	2	3

TUBERCULOSIS.

Prevention of Tuberculosis : Care and Aftercare.

A scheme is operated jointly by the Kent County Council and the local Aftercare Committee, for the provision of care and aftercare of patients suffering from Tuberculosis; through this scheme arrangements are made, where necessary, for assistance to be rendered in various ways - the provision of shelters extra nourishment; nursing requisites; beds; bedding; clothing; etc..

Home visiting is carried out by the Tuberculosis Health Visitor for the area, who gives suitable advice to the patients.

Where there is need help is given in solving housing problems and assisting with removal expenses; the admission of patients to Holiday Homes is arranged; and materials are provided for recreational therapy.

When the Chest Physician considers patients are fit for work, they are referred to the Ministry of Labour for entry of their names on the Disablement Register.

Particulars of Cases during 1958.

During the year hospital and sanatorium treatment for varying periods of time, according to the severity of the illness, was made available for eight Broadstairs patients suffering from Tuberculosis (4 pulmonary and 4 non-pulmonary). Admission forms 1 were received advising that the following admissions were arranged:-

Sanatoria:	Pulmonary:	Non-Pulmonary:
Royal Sea Bathing Hospital..	2 Men	2 Women 2 Men
Preston Hall ...	2 Men	---

Recoveries, Transfers, Etc. - 1958.

The following table gives the numbers of patients who were reported to have recovered; the numbers of those restored to the register and the numbers of inward and outward transfers. -

Type of Case:	Recoveries:	Inward Transfers from other Areas:	Outwards Transfers to other Areas:	Patients restored to Register:
<u>Pulmonary:</u>				
Men ...	2	5	5	-
Women...	5	2	6	1
TOTALS:	7	7	11	1

New Cases and Mortality - 1958.

Age Periods:	New Cases.				Deaths.			
	Pulmonary		Non-Pulmonary		Pulmonary		Non-Pulmonary	
	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F
0 - 4 ...	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
5 - 14 ...	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
15 - 24 ...	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-
25 - 44 ...	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
45 - 64 ...	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
65 and over.	1	-	1	1	3	-	-	-
T O T A L S:	3	-	1	2	3	-	-	-

The numbers of cases remaining on the Tuberculosis Register at the end of 1958 were:-

Type of Case:	Men	Women	TOTALS
Pulmonary Cases ...	53	38	91
Non-Pulmonary Cases...	4	6	10
T O T A L S ...	57	44	101

Public Health (Prevention of Tuberculosis Regulations, 1925; and Public Health Act, 1936 - Section 172.

No action was taken during the year under the Public Health (Prevention of Tuberculosis) Regulations, 1925, nor under Section 172 of the Public Health Act, 1936.

Non-Notifiable Diseases : Cancer.

In 1957 much prominence was given nationally to the subject of Cancer in relation to smoking: and the Chief Medical Officer of the Ministry of Health, in his 1957 Annual Report states:-

"With the combination of statistics, clinical observations, pathology and demography seen in present day epidemiological studies, applied cancer research has received a practical impetus.....

"During the year the Medical Research Council published a short statement reviewing the increase in lung cancer and assessing the evidence relating to smoking and lung cancer. The increase is accepted as real and not to be wholly accounted for by an aging population and improved methods of diagnosis. The important conclusion reached by the Council was that the most reasonable explanation of the very great increase was that a major part of it was caused by tobacco smoking particularly in the form of cigarettes.

"The Minister acting on this statement has requested all Local Health Authorities to disseminate the known facts and the considered opinions of the Council so that everyone may be made aware of the risks involved in smoking.

"Meantime a programme of research is under way designed to discover the way in which tobacco smoke exerts its effect and also the relative importance of other casual factors, particularly atmospheric pollution."

Disinfection.

The disinfection of bedding and clothing is done by the Bacterol process of vapourization, and is carried out at the Council's Disinfecting Station. Infected bedding and clothing is removed in a special van before disinfection of premises is carried out. The following are the particulars of disinfection done during the year:-

Type of Disinfection done:-	Numbers:
Articles of Bedding and Bed-clothes:-	
Bedspreads ...	2
Blankets.. ...	73
Eiderdowns and Quilts ...	3
Mattresses ...	19
Pillows and Bolsters ...	37
Pillow Cases ...	1
Sheets ...	4
Articles of Clothing ...	2
Miscellaneous (Including 18 Library Books)	21
<u>TOTAL</u> number of Articles disinfected:	162

Vaccinations and Immunizations:

The following are the particulars, supplied by the County Medical Officer, of Vaccinations and Immunizations carried out in the Urban District during 1958. -

Poliomyelitis Vaccination:

This table gives the numbers of persons resident in the Broadstairs and St. Peter's Urban District who received injections against poliomyelitis during the year ended 31st December, 1958. -

Year of Birth:	Given Two Injections:	Given Third Injection:
1958)	22	-
1957) Under	102	6
1956) Five	115	49
1955) Years	117	51
1954) of Age.	108	17
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1953)	120	12
1952)	116	12
1951)	108	12
1950) School	110	17
1949)	124	28
1948) Children.	152	29
1947)	165	26
1946)	249	3
1945)	190	3
1944)	138	1
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Others:	315	5
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T O T A L S ...	2,251	271

Diphtheria Immunization.

The first table shows the number of children resident in the Urban District, in age groups, who were immunized against diphtheria and the number of those who received reinforcing inoculations during 1958; the second table shows the number of children under the age of 15 years on 31st December, 1958, who had completed a course of immunizations at any time before that date (i.e.- at any time since 1st January, 1944).

Year of Birth:	No. of Primary Inoculations:	No. of Reinforcing Inoculations:
1958) 1957) Under 1956) Five 1955) Years 1954) of age.	31 91 14 2 3	- 1 - - 9
1953) 1952) 1951) 1950) School 1949) 1948) Children. 1947) 1946) 1945) 1944)	3 3 1 2 2 2 1 - - -	54 31 4 1 3 10 5 5 1 -
Before 1944..	1	-
TOTAL Number immunized during 1958:	156	124

Year of Birth:	Number of Children Immunized:	
	Last complete course of injections (whether primary or booster) 1954-58.	1953 or earlier:
1958) 1957) Under 1956) Five 1955) Years 1954) of age.	31 107 127 120 131	1 1 1 1 1
1953) 1952) 1951) 1950) School 1949) 1948) Children. 1947) 1946) 1945) 1944)	140 94 129 101 128 136 138 91 52 29	12 75 70 89 75 93 121 123 106 110
TOTAL Number of) Children immu-)) nized at any) time between) 1st January,) 1944 and 31st) December, 1958)	1,554	874

Smallpox Vaccination and Whooping Cough
Immunization Figures.

The following table gives the figures relating to Smallpox Vaccination and Whooping Cough Immunization. -

Year of Birth:	Smallpox Vaccination:		Whooping Cough Immunization:
	Primary	Revac-cination:	Primary:
1958)	68	-	51
1957) Under	53	-	100
1956) Five	4	-	10
1955) Years	2	-	5
1954) of age.	-	1	4
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1953)	1	1	4
1952)	-	-	1
1951)	-	2	-
1950) School	1	1	1
1949)	1	-	2
1948) Child-	-	2	-
1947)	3	1	-
1946) ren.	-	2	-
1945)	-	-	-
1944)	1	2	-
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Before 1944:	17	55	1
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T O T A L S:	151	67	179

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MINISTRY CIRCULARS, Etc.

During the year the following Circulars, etc. were received and dealt with in the Public Health Department.-

<u>Ministry of Health Cir-</u>	)	INVESTIGATION OF FOOD POISON-
<u>cular 5/58 of 28th Janu-</u>	)	ING. - Revised Memorandum. -
<u>ary, 1958:</u>	)	With this Circular was enclosed
		a copy of Ministry of Health
		Memo.188/Med., which outlined
		the steps to be taken in

England and Wales by Medical Officers of Health in the investigation and control of food poisoning and the supply of information in connection therewith.

The Circular states - "this is a revision in the light of later knowledge and practice, of the Memorandum that was last revised in 1949." In acknowledging the co-operation received from local authorities in supplying the required information in relation to food poisoning cases in the past, the Minister states that he would be grateful if arrangements could be made for information in future cases, to be supplied in the forms suggested in the revised Memorandum.

In paragraph 5 of the Circular it is suggested that the Council are asked to consider whether there is need to remind medical practitioners in their area of the value of full and prompt notification of cases of food poisoning and of their obligations in regard to such notification.

<u>Ministry of Agriculture,)</u>	)	SLAUGHTERHOUSES ACT, 1958, etc.-
<u>Fisheries and Food Cir-</u>	)	Various Circulars and Regula-
<u>culars March, August,</u>	)	tions were received during the
<u>September, October,</u>	)	year relating to Slaughter-
<u>November and December,</u>	)	houses and Slaughtering, cover-
<u>1958:</u>	)	ing the following:-

Circular FSH.3/58. - Slaughter of Animals Acts - Electric Stunning.

Circular FSH.11/58. - Slaughterhouses Act, 1958.

Circular FSH.15/58. - The Slaughterhouses (Meat Inspection Grant) Regulations, 1958.

Circular FSH.17/58. - The Slaughter of Pigs (Anaesthesia) Regulations, 1958.

Circular FSH.18/58. - The Slaughterhouses (Hygiene) Regulations, 1958; and The Slaughter of Animals (Prevention of Cruelty) Regulations, 1958.

Ministry of Housing and
Local Government Circu-
lars - March, May and
December, 1958:

CLEAN AIR ACT, 1956, etc. -
 Miscellaneous Circulars and
 Regulations were received
 during the year giving informa-
 tion and instructions in rela-
 tion to this Act. -

Circular 24/58. - Clean Air Act, 1956 - Alkali, etc.,
 Works Regulation Act, 1906; and
 The Dark Smoke (Permitted Periods)
 (Vessels) Regulations, 1958.

Circular 33/58. - Clean Air Act, 1956 - Memorandum on
 Provisions coming into force on
 1st June, 1958.

Letter 15:12:58.- Clean Air Act, 1956 - Alkali, etc.,
 Works Regulation Act, 1906,
 enclosing Appendix listing
 registered Works.

Ministry of Housing and
Local Government Circu-
lar 44/58 of 31st July,
1958:

THE LITTER ACT, 1958. -
 This Act received the Royal
 Assent on 7th July, 1958, and
 came into force on the 7th
 August, 1958. "The provisions
 of the Act are rather more com-

prehensive than those in the standard form of anti-litter
 byelaw made under Section 249 of the Local Government Act,
 1933, and it will be necessary to make further anti-litter
 byelaws under that Section.

"The Minister hopes that the provisions of the Act,
 in conjunction with other measures such as local anti-
 litter campaigns and the provision of sufficient litter
 bins in suitable places, will lead to a substantial reduc-
 tion in the litter nuisance."

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 With the Circular was enclosed
 a copy of the Regulations, which
 give particulars insofar as the
 Regulations relate to the label-
 ling, marking, advertising or description of food.

